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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gary F Paumen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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Claims 10-14 and 18 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 10, line 2 "housing" should be plural.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9, 15-17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (instant Figure 9) in view of Millhimes et al 4386818.

The admitted prior art discloses first and second housings 22,23 and two sets of coaxial cables 24 on opposite sides of a printed circuit board and connector 25,26 in each housing. The admitted prior art does not disclose finger grips as projections on either side of each housing. Millhimes et al discloses finger grips 71 on either side of each housing, and to provide the admitted prior art housings with such finger grips thus would have been obvious, to facilitate grasping of the housings. To space the finger grips from the upper and lower housing surfaces would have been obvious, to facilitate gripping when on a flat surface.

Claims 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Millhimes et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Chiran et al 6599151.

The admitted prior art in view of Millhimes et al substantially teaches the claimed invention, except for the latch with beveled surface on one housing half engaging a

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recess on the other housing half. Chiran et al discloses latches 31 with beveled surfaces 34 on one housing half engaging recesses on the other housing half, and to form the housing halves of the admitted prior art with such latches and recesses thus would have been obvious, to secure the housing halves together.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Millhimes et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Lopata et al 5052949.

The admitted prior art in view of Millhimes et al substantially teaches the claimed invention except for the first and second housing portions (halves) being secured together by at least one cylinder and post. Lopata et al discloses housing halves with posts 44 and cylinders 46, and to provide the admitted prior art housing halves with such posts and cylinders thus would have been obvious, to secure the housing halves together.

The other references on Form 892 disclose similar housing arrangements.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary F Paumen whose telephone number is 571-272-2013. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Paumen".

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